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District Man Sentenced to Four Years In Prison For Possession of Semi-Automatic Rifle - Firearm Recovered By Police After Domestic Dispute -

WASHINGTON - Charles Singletary, 30, of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced to four years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for unlawful possession of a semi-automatic rifle, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Singletary pled guilty in April 2011 to a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm. He was sentenced June 14, 2011, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, by the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr.

According to the government's evidence, on November 29, 2010, at approximately 9:15 p.m., officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) responded to a 911 dispatch for threats of domestic violence at a residence in Northeast Washington. Once on the scene, officers were advised that the defendant, who was being violent towards the victim, had guns in the house. Officers recovered a semi-automatic rifle, a 30-round magazine, and 14 live rounds of ammunition. Singletary had previously been convicted in the District of armed robbery.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended MPD Officers Clayton Smith, Sean McCloskey, Brian Hallahan, Joseph LaFrance, Detectives Curtis Prince and Joseph BeMiller, who were involved in the arrest and investigation. He also expressed his appreciation to Domestic Violence Advocates Meshall Thomas and Shauna Moore, who provided victim support and services during the investigation, and Paralegal Jason Manuel and Legal Assistant Charmonique Price, who prepared the case for indictment. Finally, he praised the efforts of Assistant U.S. Attorney Mervin Bourne, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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